

**COMMENT**

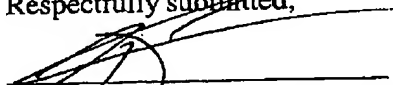
Claims 1-9, 24, 27-28 and 32-33 remain in the case. Claims 10-23, 25-26, 29-31, and 34-35 are hereby cancelled; applicant reserves the right to file further application(s) on the subject matter embodied in the cancelled claims.

Claim 6 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's request.

It is now believed that the claims are in condition for allowance, and applicant thereby respectfully requests same.

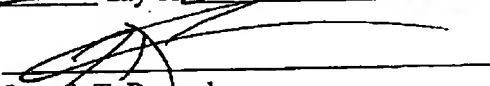
If additional issues remain, and the Examiner is of the opinion that same could be resolved by telephone or examiner amendment, the undersigned respectfully requests same at (985) 845-0000.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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